

Goals, accomplishments and activities of the Environmental Justice program include:

- Raise awareness of community groups about environmental justice and the health affects from the natural and built environments
- Represent public health to steering committees, advisory boards, and community development projects
- Developed the Community-Based Cleanup Guideline to assist community members in their community cleanup efforts
- Conducted a Health Impact Assessment for the Fulton Industrial Boulevard Revitalization Framework
- Participate as a member of the advisory group for the Aerotropolis Atlanta Brownfield Redevelopment Project in Hapeville, GA
- Assist citizens using scientific evidence about their concerns regarding the health effects of their environment
- Revise the Fulton County regulations addressing the handling and disposal of refuse, garbage, and rubbish
- Promote the consideration of Environmental Justice and health impacts in project planning and implementation.



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A vertical poster for the Fulton County Environmental Justice Initiative. The background is a photograph of a traffic jam on a highway, with a statue of Lady Justice (holding scales) superimposed over the scene. The text "FULTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE" is displayed in a black box with yellow lettering. Below this, the contact information for the Fulton County Health Services Office of the Director is provided. At the bottom right is the Fulton County logo.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In March 2010, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, under the leadership of Commissioner Emma I. Darnell (District 5), voted to approve funding for the Environmental Justice Initiative (EJI) in Fulton County.

Environmental Justice as defined by the US Environmental Protection Agency is the fair and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

Environmental Justice ensures that no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental and commercial operations or policies. Fulton County is concerned about the environment (natural and built) and its affect on residents, workforce and visitors.



Health Initiative



A healthier Fulton County includes healthier environments. Positive environmental impacts occur when health outcomes are considered as part of:

- county policies, laws, and procedures;
- planning for projects and development within Fulton County;
- ordinances and laws; and
- processes and decisions that affect Fulton County residents.

To accomplish a healthier Fulton, the role of the Environmental Justice Initiative includes:

- providing public health input during preliminary planning discussions;
- conducting formal Health Impact Assessments (HIA);
- promoting equity in the impact of industrial and other development activities by addressing Environmental Justice issues; and
- serving as a resource for communities.

Health Impact Assessments (HIAs)

Steps to achieving environmental justice start with Health Impact Assessments.

Health Impact Assessments are a combination of procedures, methods and tools that evaluates potential health effects of a project or policy before it is built or implemented.

HIAs utilize:

- science for planning
- process to determine possible health effects
- equitable process
- holistic approach
- tools to guide decisions
- long term assessments

